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November 1, 2005 12:57 PM

Senator Susan Collins
U.S. Senate
461 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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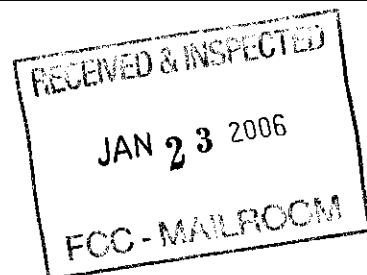
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Sincerely,

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Edward Mayer

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November 1, 2005 12:58 PM

Representative Jim Kolbe
U.S. House of Representatives
237 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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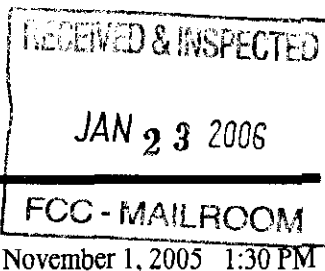
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Karen Pryal

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Senator Carl Levin
U.S. Senate
269 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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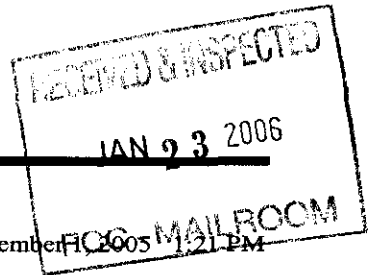
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Gregory Moniz

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November 12 2005 12:21 PM

Senator Dianne Feinstein
U.S. Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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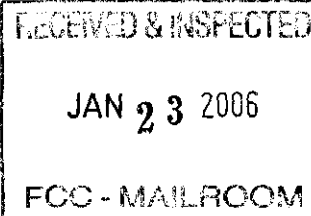
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J. F. Kelly

39 Pacifica Circle , Hot Springs, AR 71909

November 1, 2005 12:54 PM

Representative Vic Snyder
U.S. House of Representatives
1330 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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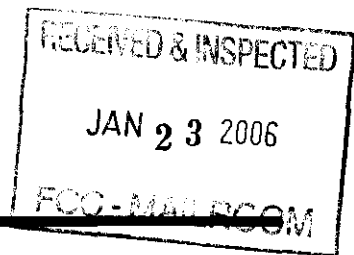
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November 1, 2005 1:08 PM

Senator George Voinovich
U.S. Senate
524 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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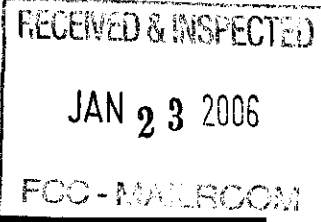
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RONNIE WICKER

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November 1, 2005 12:42 PM

Senator Saxby Chambliss
U.S. Senate
416 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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